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## **House Subcommittee Begins Consideration of F.C.C. Reform Legislation**

**WASHINGTON** – *Rep. Greg Walden, chairman of the Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, today (July 11) initiated the subcommittee's consideration of legislation proposing procedural reforms for the Federal Communications Commission, including a provision allowing a bipartisan majority of the Commission to meet under the "sunshine" rules. The following statement should be attributed to Peter Davidson, Verizon senior vice president, federal government relations:*

"The draft legislation Representative Walden and the Communications and Technology Subcommittee began considering today builds on other efforts already under way in Congress, the Administration, and at the FCC to make government more accountable, transparent, consistent and predictable. A series of hearings in the 112<sup>th</sup> and 113<sup>th</sup> Congresses have established the need to update the Communications Act and re-think the role of the Federal Communications Commission in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Internet ecosystem. While that substantive

reform effort will take some time, process reform is an important piece of that effort in creating more efficient, transparent, and fact-based proceedings.

“Taking a page from President Obama’s regulatory reform efforts, the FCC process reform Act legislation asks the FCC to conduct a cost-benefit analysis as part of its rulemaking process, which would give the FCC important tools for benchmarking proposed regulations in comparison to other alternatives. It also would require the FCC to narrowly tailor conditions imposed in license transfers, which is another “good government” reform that will help facilitate innovation and investment in the communications sector.

“We thank Representative Walden for this leadership on this issue and look forward to working with Ranking Member Eshoo and other Members of the Commerce Committee in the months ahead.”

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